

THE WEATHER

Increasing Cloudiness Tonight and Saturday.

TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

METAL QUOTATIONS

Silver	86 3/8c
Copper	23 1/2c
Lead	6 1/2c
Quicksilver	\$1.05

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AUSTRIA CLAIMS BIG GAINS

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEAT COSSACKS; IMPRISON SCORES COUNTER-REVOLUTIONISTS

COSSACKS URGED TO REPUDIATE KALEDINES

REDS TAKE TOWNS AND OVERTHROW NON-SOCIALIST AUTHORITIES.

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—(Thursday)—The Bolshevik staff reports that Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated near Bielorod and have retreated to Vahleika. Korniloff has disappeared.

The evening newspapers report the Cossacks victorious in a battle at Kator, the Bolsheviks retreating across the Don river at Nakhicheva.

A hundred Bolshevik Cossacks have been sent to Southern Russia to urge Kaledines' Cossacks to desert.

The Bolsheviks have announced they will hold elections for officers of the army. All men are eligible.

NURSE TELLS STORY OF AFFAIR WITH E. B. KEYES

(By Associated Press.)
DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 14.—Ending her story of her relations with George H. Keyes, a Boston real estate operator, Miss Harriet A. Varney, a nurse, testifying in her own defense on the charge of murder, denied dramatically that she had killed his bride of eight months, Pauline A. Keyes.

As she told of being drugged by Keyes when dining with him on the second night after they had been introduced by her fiancé, a Providence actor named Whitney, and of pleading with him to let her go home when she regained sensibility in his hotel room, she broke down and cried hysterically. Later, as she related how Keyes had given her a wedding ring when they were living at hotels together as man and wife, telling her it was sacred as a dozen ceremonies, her voice again faltered and near the end of the day's trying ordeal, when she gave some of the reasons why Keyes had beaten her, her tones could not be heard beyond the jury box.

IMO HELMSMAN IS SPY SUSPECT

YOUNG NORWEGIAN FOUND TO BE SHAMMING ILLNESS AND IS PUT IN CUSTODY.

(By Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, Dec. 14.—John Johansen, helmsman on the Norwegian steamer Imo, the Belgian relief ship whose collision with the ammunition steamer Mont Blanc led to the disaster of last Thursday, is being detained as a German spy suspect. He was turned over to the military authorities by officials of the Massachusetts relief hospital, where he has been under treatment.

In connection with the arrest, the wildest spy rumors heard here since the war began were spread broadcast. These terminated in a report that eight Germans had been shot at sunrise. Military and naval authorities, while acknowledging that the Johansen case was being thoroughly investigated, declared the shooting story was absurd.

Another persistent story was that a secret code in German had been found on Johansen and that a wireless station had been unearthed in the district destroyed by fire after the explosion.

J. C. Churchill, counsel for the Imo in the admiralty hearing on the collision of the vessels, said that the secret code story as far as it concerned Johansen was absolutely without foundation. Johansen, Mr. Churchill said, had been living in the United States ten years and as he was anxious to return to his old home in Norway he shipped on the Imo.

GOES FOR SAILORS, TOO.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A motion for dismissal of charges against two dealers for selling liquor to United States sailors on the ground that the law penalized only the sale of the intoxicants to soldiers, was denied in federal court here yesterday. The court held that it was the obvious intention of congress to prohibit the sale of liquor to sailors as well as soldiers and that the defense presented was without merit.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

	1917	1916
5 a. m.	41	24
9 a. m.	41	25
12 noon	47	32
2 p. m.	48	38
Maximum Dec. 13.	48	38
Minimum Dec. 13.	32	26
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	48	48
Today, 48 per cent.		

PEACE BID BY BRITAIN TO BERLIN ANNOUNCED

LAST SEPTEMBER GERMANS RECEIVED INQUIRY REGARDING WAR AIMS, IS CLAIM.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 14.—An official announcement says Germany received through a neutral last September inquiry regarding its war aims under such circumstances as to indicate it was made with the sanction of the British government.

The announcement was a reply to the statement of British Foreign Secretary Balfour Tuesday that England received through a neutral diplomatic channel last September a communication to the effect that Germany would be glad to get in touch with England regarding peace.

CONFER ON TRANSPORTATION.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Transportation officials and state and federal officers are attending the hearing before the state railroad commission aimed at affecting economies in operations of water and rail transportation companies in California and devising means of rendering greater service to the government and public during the war.

\$1 SILVER NECESSARY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The western states delegation, including senators of Nevada and other states, told Mint Director Baker today that the small producers will be forced to close their mines unless they receive at least \$1 an ounce for silver. The officials announced the proposed acquisition of silver was meant solely to meet monetary needs of the United States and co-belligerents.

CAR SHORTAGE CAUSE OF FAMINE IN COAL

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14.—Investigations by Federal District Attorney Bell have disclosed that there are some eighty cars of coal in the railroad yards here awaiting movement and that miners and mine operators are working only three or four days a week because of a car shortage. Mr. Bell would not say what action he contemplated or what report, if any, he will make to the federal fuel administration.

(By Associated Press.)
GULFPORT, Miss., Dec. 14.—Coal shortages in cities along the Mississippi river and gulf coast threaten to interfere with the operation of power plants, according to officials of the Gulf Coast Traction company here, which operates trolley and lighting systems along the seaboard.

GULF STATES CHILLY.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Unseasonable cold extended to the gulf states today and enveloped most of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Snow impeded railway traffic.

Crozier Blamed For Delay In Manufacturing of Rifles

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The house naval committee was today created a committee to conduct an investigation of the conduct of the war by the navy. Secretary Daniels and bureau chiefs will be called to executive sessions of the senate military committee's inquiry into alleged delays in supplying the army.

Ordinance Chief Crozier testified today regarding the prospective delivery of rifles and gave further details of the machine gun situation. It

EXECUTION OF WOMAN SPY DENIED BY THE U.S.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The state department has sent official denials to American consuls and legations in neutral countries of the persistent report that a woman spy was executed in the United States.

The story originated in Germany.

TAX PROVISIONS TOLD TO EDITORS

MANY PHASES OF WAR ACTIVITIES GONE INTO BY U. S. OFFICIALS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Many phases of the government's war time activities were explained by officials to an editorial conference of the Associated Business Newspapers, representing more than 150 trade and technical journals.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper told the editors how liberal construction had been placed on certain provisions of the excess profits law to make the tax burden as light as possible. For partnerships and individuals, he said, reasonable salaries will be allowed as deductions from profits before determining the taxable residue, in order to place them on an equal basis with corporations which pay specific salaries. He also indicated that in the case of professional men, the cost of a small amount of equipment will be considered merely a professional adjunct and not "invested capital."

Another important announcement was that merchants probably will be permitted to make inventories either at cost or market value. This was considered especially significant since brokers are to be regarded as "merchants of securities" and therefore may inventory stocks and bonds at the low prices to which many have fallen recently.

LISBON REBELS WIRE GREETING TO TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)
LISBON, Dec. 12.—(Thursday)—The government established by the revolution today telegraphed messages of greetings and encouragement to Portuguese troops fighting against the Germans in France and Africa.

EXPULSION POSTPONED.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Raymond H. Florio of the brokerage firm of R. H. Florio & Co., has obtained in the state supreme court a temporary injunction restraining the New York Stock Exchange from announcing his expulsion. The governing committee of the exchange voted to expel Mr. Florio for violating the by-laws and announcement of its action was to have been made today. Mr. Florio was accused of having acted in the capacity of both broker and principal.

is reported that some senators place upon Crozier the responsibility for the 50 per cent reduction in rifles produced by private plants because of a change in type.

Plans for the naval inquiry were unanimously agreed upon by the committee. A billion and a half was appropriated last year for the navy and another billion is proposed this year. The system of expending vast sums should be examined, declared the committee.

Its widespread use is regarded as another phase of German propaganda. They gave the name of the woman as Anna Huitema. Ordinarily the department would have ignored a story so palpably false, but it appeared in this case to have been given some credence in neutral countries.

APPEAL TO GARFIELD FOR RELIEF; COAL SHORTAGE TAKING GRIM TOLL.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Health and market officials of New York City took steps today to relieve the sick and the poor from the serious effects of the coal shortage. In a letter to Dr. H. A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator, Dr. Haven Emerson, head of the department of health, appealed for fuel to heat the homes of the sick, who, he said, were dying in increasing numbers as a result of the inadequate supply of heat.

An appeal for the poor was made by Dr. Henry Moskowitz, commissioner of public markets, who said in a letter to Acting Mayor Frank L. Bowling that small dealers were taking advantage of the shortage of coal by indefinite measures and weights at prices which would amount to more than \$30 a ton. Dr. Moskowitz urged that the board pass a pending ordinance providing for the sale of coal by weight only.

Dr. Emerson declared that in the baby health stations, to which the needy apply for medical advice, "we have found it impossible to provide heat sufficient to permit of our examining these children undressed," with the result that many mothers have been compelled to return to their homes with their sick children untreated.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS URGED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Major Brookhart of the Iowa state railway commission today urged government ownership of railroads before the joint congressional railroad hearing committee. Statistics were presented to show if the public owned the railroads and street railways it could furnish service at less than the present cost and pay higher wages than those privately owned.

HE'S A NEUTRAL.

(By Associated Press.)
BERNE, Dec. 14.—A Swiss patriot is providing some amusement by his original way of advertising his neutrality. The outer walls of his house are decorated with bas-reliefs of all the principal representatives of the nations at war, King George, the German emperor, President Poincaré, the sultan, the emperor of Austria and President Wilson are all to be seen in intimate neighborliness.

Guns and 16,000 Prisoners in a 4-Day Battle

German Press Possessed of New Confidence in Great Offensive Plan

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, DEC. 14.—AN OFFICIAL AUSTRIAN STATEMENT, REVIEWING THE RECENT ATTACKS IN NORTHERN ITALY, SAYS THAT 639 ITALIAN OFFICERS AND 16,000 MEN WERE MADE PRISONERS IN FOUR DAYS' FIGHTING IN THE MELETTA REGION. THE STATEMENT CLAIMED THE CAPTURE OF 293 GUNS, 233 MACHINE GUNS, FOUR QUICKFIRERS, 81 MINE THROWERS AND A QUANTITY OF MATERIALS.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Extracts from the latest German newspapers, telegraphed from Holland, show the generally increased confidence of Germany, based on the Russian armistice and other obvious factors.

Travelers arriving in Holland from Germany are quoted as saying that the Germans are building great hopes for a big offensive in the west, which is regarded as certainly impending.

(By Associated Press.)
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 13.—(Thursday)—The enemy is holding some trenches on the Col Bertha and the summit of Monte Spinaucia, after three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenza and Piave rivers. The rest of the Italian line is in its original position. A downpour refilled the Piave and made the river again a fairly deep water barrier.

MEANS JURY WEARIES OF ENDLESS ARGUMENT

(By Associated Press.)
CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 14.—The jury trying Gaston B. Means for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, last night sent a message to Judge Cline asking that the argument of the case be speeded up. The request came at the close of the second day of continuous addresses to the jury by counsel for the state and defense. Five lawyers still are waiting to speak.

For the state, P. C. McDuffie of Atlanta declared that Means' lust for money cost Mrs. King her life, while J. F. Newell of Charlotte attacked in detail Means' story and declared much of it was incredible.

T. D. Moness, M. H. Caldwell and J. Lee Crowell, all of Concord, in their arguments for the defendant, said the state had failed to prove a motive. They declared that it was to Means' financial interest for Mrs. King to remain alive, as he was paid to manage her business.

LATE NEWS

3:30 Dispatches

SUPPRESS RUSS PAPER.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.—A Petrograd dispatch says the Moscow workmen's and soldiers' council has suppressed the Russkoe Slovo for publishing a rumor that Ensign Krylenko's seizure of general staff headquarters was instigated at German headquarters.

LABOR BOARD LEAVES.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—The president's labor commission, headed by Secretary Wilson, will probably leave for the East late today. It will stop at St. Paul and Minneapolis and investigate the labor situation in those cities.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

(By Associated Press.)
AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 14.—The Nova Scotia schooner Wanita was driven ashore on an island at the entrance of the harbor here in a gale today. It is probably a total loss. The crew landed.

(By Associated Press.)
WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 14.—One is dead and five injured as the result of an explosion and fire in the acid plant of the DuPont Powder company near here today.

BUTLER THEATRE

TO-NIGHT

HER CONSCIENCE PICTURED
The acts of a trifling, deceitful girl shown on the screen as, waiting to be married, she ponders on the past.
GLADYS BROCKWELL
in
"CONSCIENCE"

A drama that will appeal to all. Something new in photography.

Also
"THE FIGHTING TRAIL"
Featuring one of the wildest horseback rides ever filmed. One misstep meant death.

TOMORROW

Enid Bennett, in a Race Track Drama, "They're Off."
Charlie Chaplin, in Two-Reel Mutual Drama.

MEATLESS, WHEATLESS MEALS DAILY URGED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a porkless day and one wheatless and one meatless meal a day will be recommended to householders in a new kitchen card soon to be put out by the food administration. Observance of wheatless and meatless meals will be asked for the same as wheatless and meatless days.

JONES SURVIVOR.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Vice Admiral Sims has notified the navy department that Lester Joseph Gilson, a seaman previously listed among the missing of the destroyer Jacob Jones, has been found among the survivors. Gilson's mother, Mrs. Alina Gilson, lives at Green Bay, Wis.

TO SUPPORT WAR LOAN.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Fraternal insurance society representatives, in conference here with Secretary McAdoo, pledged their support to the government's war loan organizations, agreed to form war savings associations among their members and to limit hereafter only in United States securities.